

July 17, 2020

City of Bremen Council Meeting

Public Safety Complex 191 N Georgia Ave. Bremen, GA 30110

City Officials in Attendance: Mayor Sewell and Council Members: Dobby Harris, Salli Thomason, Jai Otwell, Lin Clayton
Administration in Attendance: Perry Hicks, Mike Thompson, Sam Price, Amy Ridley, Jay Hurley, Lisa Walton-Cagle, Pat Johnson, Matt Cody, Richard Harrison

6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & City Council
Informal Discussions Session

Mayor Sewell called the work session to order at 6:00 pm and the below listed items were the topics of discussion. This session is a period of informal comments and questioning among the Mayor and Council Members as well as the Department Heads and the City Attorney. There are no actions taken during the work session.

Department Head Updates
Food Truck Ordinance
Tallapoosa Street / One Way
Moratorium for Apartments
Agenda Items

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 pm to begin the Regular City Council Meeting.

7:00 PM
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Council Session

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
- 3. Review and Modification of the Agenda
- 4. Approval of the Minutes: (a) Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2020
(b) Workshop held on July 6, 2020
(c) Special Called Meeting held on July 13, 2020
- 5. Call for an Election / General Obligation Bond / Bremen City Schools
- 6. GEFA Loan Deferred Payment Program
- 7. Open to the Public
- 8. Adjourn

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the regular scheduled council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

There was no changes made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 15, 2020.

Council Member Otwell made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Clayton to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 15, 2020. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked if there is a motion to approve the minutes from the workshop held on July 6, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Otwell and seconded by Council Member Thomason to approve the minutes from the workshop held on July 6, 2020. The motion carried.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the special called meeting held on July 13,

2020.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the special called meeting and workshop held on July 13, 2020. Council Member Thomason seconded the motion. Council Member Clayton abstained because he was absent the July 13, 2020 special called meeting. The motion carried.

Call for an Election / General Obligation Bond / Bremen City Schools

The resolution from the Bremen City Schools state that the city will levy a tax millage to cover the cost of the bonds in the event that the projected amount of SPLOST dollars are not collected. After discussion, council members agreed that the school needs to clarify why the resolution should read that the city will levy the tax when the school is their own taxing authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Otwell to deny the request to call for an election until further clarification from the Bremen City Schools in regards to the City of Bremen levying a tax in the event that the projected SPLOST is not collected to cover the general obligation bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell stated that once the school board has clarified the resolution, we can call a meeting, if necessary, to get this done in time for it to go on the November ballot.

GEFA Loan Deferred Payment Program

City Manager, Perry Hicks stated that we have a GEFA loan and have received the opportunity to defer the payments without interest nor penalty and he asked that the council would approve for the city to take advantage of the GEFA Loan Payment Program.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomason to approve the GEFA Loan Payment Program. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Jeff Dewberry of Windom Road, Tallapoosa, Georgia was present and addressed the mayor and council regarding the proposed landfill in Haralson County.

Mayor Sewell and the Council Members thanked Mr. Dewberry and Mayor Sewell stated that she has really been trying to hear all of the facts for both the pros and the cons of the proposed landfill.

Shirley Newman of Shadowood Lane, Bremen, Georgia also addressed the mayor and council regarding the landfill and gave some knowledge that she has learned regarding the lining of the landfill.

There was no further business to come before the mayor and council.

Meeting Adjourn

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Otwell made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.